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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-5 are pending.

The prior art submitted on 10/21/04 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yeakley (3,872, 423).

As per claim 1, Yeakley discloses a non-negative acceleration control system for use in vehicles and operatively coupled with the acceleration system in a vehicle, wherein non-negative acceleration control system is not capable of causing negative acceleration (see columns 10-11, lines 55-60).

As per claims 2-3, Yeakley discloses control system is externally activated, and control system is activated by receiving a signal from a transmitter located externally to vehicle (see columns 1-2, lines 65-28; columns 4-5, lines 6-9; and column 9, lines 1-55).

4. Claims 4-5, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Helmcke et al. (3,790,780).

As per claim 4, Helmcke et al. disclose an acceleration control system for a vehicle including: a receiver configured to accept electromagnetic signals (see columns

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3-4, lines 60-52), an activation module coupled with said receiver, wherein activation module generates a signal if receiver detects activation signals (see columns 2-3, lines 10-2), an accelerator control unit coupled with activation module and the acceleration system of vehicle (see columns 4-5, lines 40-5), and wherein activation module includes a signal from a velocity input signal line, signal indicating that the velocity of vehicle has reached a low threshold, activation module incapable of activating accelerator control unit unless velocity of vehicle has reached a low threshold (see columns 4-5, lines 53-5).

As per claim 5, Helmcke et al. disclose wherein module includes an input from a receiver and an input from a velocity signal line, activation module coupled to a power source and a power output, activation module sending power though power output if input from a receiver and input from velocity signal line are present (see the abstract; columns 2-3, lines 10-2; and columns 3-4, lines 60-52).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

. A.M. Woods (3,188,927)

. T.R. Hawks (3,544,959)

. Proctor (3,750,099)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968.

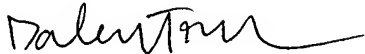
The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30 AM-4:00 PM), off every other Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 571-272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner
Dalena Tran



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